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WORLD WAR ONE TUNNELS DISCOVERED

A UNIQUE system of trenches which has remained undiscovered for almost a century has been revealed by a team of archaeologists and historians.

The overgrown remains of the dug-outs used to train soldiers during the First World War lie in woods behind the current Army base at Shorncliffe.

They include a zigzagging network of trenches, bunkers, shelters and artifacts which have been buried under a tangle of trees and shrubs since they were abandoned in late 1918.

EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES and JAMES ALEXANDER

They are close to the military cemetery just outside the base in an area at one time used as a rubbish dump which is now littered with broken water tanks, crockery and metal fittings.

The team which made the discovery had studied old maps of the area which showed the likely location of the fortifications. But members were stunned at the dimensions of the network which they uncovered.

Some of the trenches still have the

original corrugated iron used to prop up the earth in place. Other discoveries were fragments of a rum bottle and an old gas-mask.

The next stage will be to fully clear them as they are hidden beneath 90 years of vegetation growth.

Then history buffs intend to open up the remains and turn them into a visitor attraction for Shepway.

Archaeologist Dr David Kenyon specialises in uncovering 1914-18 remains and has done important work on preserving them in France. He has also worked with the BBC's Timetam.

He said: "What we have found is a

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A CALL TO ARMS

Ross Stenner of The Royal Sussex living history regiment demonstrates how to fit a bayonet to a rifle at Shorncliffe Redoubt in Folkestone.

The First World War re-enactors were there as part of a new project to uncover the training trenches used by Montgomery 90 years ago and open them up as an education resource centre for future generations.

The military cemetery at Shorncliffe also charts the history of the site over the last 200 years, containing the graves of soldiers from the Napoleonic era, the Chinese Engineers Corp, Canada and Belgium.

The Redoubt is also famous as the birthplace of modern battlefield tactics, when Sir John Moore established the British Army's first permanent light infantry regiments in 1803.

He pioneered new formations, tactics and an ethos where officers put their men first. Moore's 95th Rifles regiment was later popularised in Bernard Cornwell's 'Sharpe' novels.

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Jackals too deadly for Wolf, Vixen and Coyote

Yourshepway Reporter **NICK AMES** has been accompanying troops in Afghanistan from two Kent-based regiments – the 2nd Gurkha Rifles and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. They are based in Helmand province at the Forward Operational Base in Musa Qa'leh, which was retaken from the Taliban last year, and at Patrol Base Minden, which is just yards from the front line

HEROIC Gurkhas took part in a daring operation which drove the Taliban out of strongholds in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

Operation Kapcha Baz – Pashtu for 'Cobra Eagle' – saw more than 250 British Army troops, including the renowned Folkestone-based Nepalese warriors, working in partnership with 100 soldiers of the Afghan national army, in an area known as the Snake's Belly.

The name comes from the shape of the river Helmand as it runs down the length of the province, about 100km south of Garmsir. It is flanked on each bank by the lush agricultural land of the green zone, with tall maize, wheat and reed beds criss-crossed with irrigation ditches and wadis.

The mission was to find and disrupt the enemy, and to gather information on their movements.

Crossroads

Two objectives – codenamed Wolf and Vixen – were identified by a crossroads near one of the villages.

This area was believed to be a key location for the coordination of enemy fighters and resources being moved north to attack patrol bases held by British forces near Garmsir.

A further 15km further south, an area codenamed Coyote was targeted as central to the movement of fighters through the area. Finally, further south still, Dingo was an area of heavy Taliban influence, the busy bazaar believed to be a stopping-off point and coordination zone.

The Gurkhas, supported by armoured Jackal vehicles, moved west towards Objective Wolf, first pushing through mountainous passes.



DAY OF THE JACKAL: British armoured vehicles have protected our troops from the insurgents

Their surprise move caught the enemy unaware and insurgents were spotted ahead of them, preparing an ambush site and digging in an improvised explosive device (IED), intended to detonate when they moved into the area. Two rockets were fired, which resulted in direct hits on the enemy, causing them losses and preventing an ambush.

Major Jody Davies MBE, Officer Commanding D Company, 2nd Royal Gurkha Rifles, said: "After assessing that the enemy were lying in wait, we moved forward in a slow and deliberate way, fully expecting them to open fire on us. However – we spotted the enemy first, positively identified carrying weapons and preparing an ambush, we were able to engage their firing points with our own small arms while our support team called in fire from the guided multi-launch rocket system, which proved deadly."

As they advanced towards the village, they came under a heavy fire from rifles and machine guns.

The Taliban fired rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) deliberately aimed to explode in mid-air and rain shrapnel on advancing British forces.

"Having been forced to spring their ambush early, we were subjected to a maelstrom of fire from machine guns

and RPGs," Major Davies said.

Rifleman Bipin Nembang, who was in the lead section, said: "There was no cover. With 30kg on my back there was no option but to take up a position right in the middle of the enemy's kill zone – and fire back on rapid."

His colleague, Rifleman Rabindra Rai, said: "I was lead scout, moving towards the objective when we came under heavy fire. This wound me up and so, taking my life into my hands, I dashed forward and tried to put down as heavy a rate of fire as I could to protect my friends."

Professionalism

With the weight of enemy fire heavy and sustained, Jackals sped forward to bring their heavy machine guns to bear, placing themselves deliberately between the ground troops and enemy firing points.

With the enemy shocked by the two-pronged attack, many fled and the Afghan army dealt with any remaining resistance.

Showing increasing professionalism and capability, they swept through the area, searching for enemy firing points, reassuring the local population and dealing with the small pockets of enemy forces that sporadically attacked as the mission concluded.

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Tower fenced off but there'll be no repairs

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SHEPWAY councillors have been accused of ignoring history by refusing to fund repairs to the crumbling Christchurch tower in Folkestone.

The Grade II-listed building in the Garden of Remembrance, Sandgate Road, is used by armed forces associations and others for events throughout the year.

But the 140-year-old tower is suffering from years of neglect and pieces of masonry have broken off and fallen in recent times.

Now Shepway council's Cabinet has decided to put up a fence around the tower to protect passers-by from crumbling stonework, rather than carry out full-scale repairs.

The matter first caused controversy last summer, when £145,000 set aside to carry out maintenance was then blocked by Conservative-controlled Shepway council, after the 2007 earthquake was seen to have "rigorously tested" the structure's stone fabric.

LibDem Cllr Tim Prater said: "The Cabinet had already set aside the money last year, but decided to do none of the repairs. The earthquake turned out to be the first in history to actually repair a building."

"It will fence off the memorial which people are not going to have access to, allowing Folkestone's tower to crumble."

The council has responsibility for maintaining the landmark, which has memorial plaques fitted to it including that of the Burma Star Association, which holds a wreath-laying ceremony every year.

A structural survey commissioned by the council said high winds, heavy rain and freeze-thawing could all contribute to more masonry falling off.

It presented four possible options for the future of the tower, the first being "comprehensive repair work" to be carried out.

The others were local repairs to the masonry most at risk of falling, the erection of the fence and even the drastic option of demolishing the tower altogether.

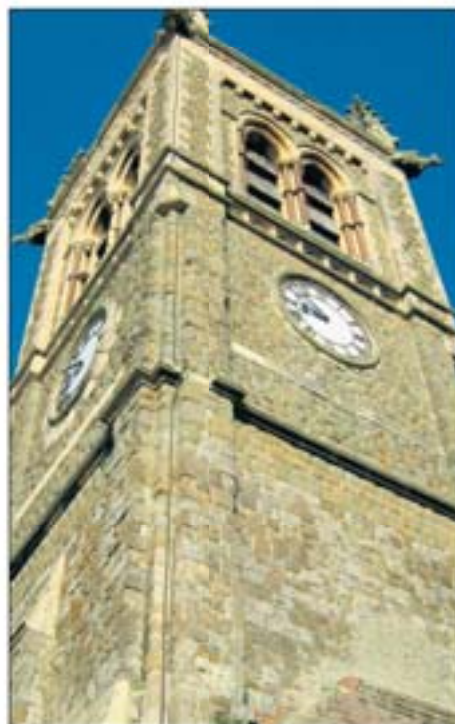
The Cabinet agreed at its meeting on March 18 to install the fence, after council officials said repair work would not solve the deterioration of the tower's ragstone. Funding will come from £15,000 made in budget savings.

The fencing would "act as a safeguard to keep the public away from the immediate vicinity of the tower base" at a distance of no less than two metres.

Five-yearly inspections would also continue to check the condition of the monument.

A council spokesman said: "Shepway, like most other councils, is under severe budget restraints and it would seem that not even a comprehensive repair programme would address the problem of weathered ragstone."

Shepway's corporate scrutiny committee met last night (Tuesday) to review the Cabinet's decision.



CRUMBLING: Christchurch tower has been fenced off

Police hunting teenage gang

AN ATTACK on a boy and a girl by a gang of teenagers in Folkestone is being investigated by police.

The victims were walking along Beach Street on Sunday, March 15, at about 2.20pm when they were approached by two girls, who started talking to them.

The girls then started slapping, punching and hitting the female victim. The boy tried to help his friend and was also assaulted by the girls.

Two male youths then turned up and one of them punched the boy, who fell to the ground. The offenders ran off when an off-duty police officer came to their assistance.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Tom Wilson on 01303 850055 or, alternatively, if you wish to remain anonymous you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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'Big part of our heritage'

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network which stretches across a large area. There are mock front-line trenches, communication trenches and rear areas. This is a major part of our heritage we have got here - especially for the local area.

"We have found what would have been the last training area for soldiers who went off to the real trenches in France. They would have marched from here just a few miles to the docks in Folkestone and many, of course, would never return."

Volunteers and a group of military re-enactors who specialise in the First World War all took part in Sunday's rediscovery.

They were supervised by members of the Shorncliffe Redoubt Preservation Society, who aim to record the history of the base, which dates from 1796 and is the current home of the Gurkhas.

Chairman Chris Shaw said: "Our long-term aim is to rebuild the whole system for educational and re-enactment purposes."

"The trenches will be a key focus of the Shorncliffe Museum and Heritage Park which we plan to build."

"It will be called the Trench Experience and give visitors the chance to see what it was like to fight in France and Belgium all those years ago."

Sleazy school text manager 'was sex offender in 1970s'

A SCHOOL employee who was sacked for sending "inappropriate" text messages to a pupil was a convicted sex offender who slipped through the net, according to a national newspaper.

Student manager Graham Barlow, 56, was dismissed by Folkestone's Pent Valley Technology College in March after being forced to hand over his mobile phone which contained incriminating evidence.

The People alleged on Sunday that Barlow was appointed despite having previously been found guilty of abusing a child under ten.

The paper also said he applied for the post as Graham Poole-Barlow and background checks failed to spot the conviction, for a sex attack on a minor in the 1970s.

Kent County Council is reviewing its security policy for new teachers.

A KCC spokesman said: "We can confirm a 56-year-old man was removed from his post."

"We continue to investigate and help police with their enquiries."

A police official said: "A man from Folkestone has been cautioned for meeting a girl under 16 for sexual grooming in relation to sending a text of a sexual nature. He was cautioned on February 24."

It emerged last month that Barlow had sent 100 text messages of an "inappropriate and sexual nature" and that he had formed a close relationship with the girl.

Head-teacher Mario Citro told Yourshepway at the time the school noticed something was not right with the girl and concerns were raised by staff. Barlow was interviewed and told to hand over his mobile phone, while police and social services were called.

Mr Citro said: "The police praised us because without the phone the investigation would not have been a success. There was enough information for me to terminate his contract."

Mr Citro said Barlow was at Pent Valley prior to his appointment as head in 2006 and had been vetted by police and the Criminal Records Bureau at the time.



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A PACKED programme of Easter activities for children and parents is lined up at Port Lympne wild animal park.

The fun begins with an Easter Egg Challenge, using souvenir maps to navigate the park while discovering some of the world's rarest and most endangered animals. By collecting animal names, visitors can complete the challenge and claim an egg-citing reward.

Animal talks are also taking place throughout the day.

The challenge costs £12 for children and £15 for adults and includes entry to the park, book by calling 01303 264647 or email greatfun@totallywild.net.

The fun starts on Friday, April 10, until Tuesday, April 14. You can also save 20 per cent on entry at www.totallywild.net.

Nine hours in cell for poor conduct

A HAWKINGE man was held for nine hours in a police station and fined for being drunk and disorderly at the weekend.

Police were called to a disturbance in Harbour Way, Folkestone, in the early hours of Sunday when they arrested the 31-year-old. After being detained at Folkestone police station he was given an £80 fixed-penalty notice.

A 38-year-old woman was also arrested under the Public Order Act, held at the station and later ordered to pay £80.

Meanwhile in the early hours of Saturday, police stepped in when a 24-year-old man in Marine Parade, Folkestone, was drunk and disorderly.

He was arrested, held at Folkestone police station for eight hours and fined £80 before being released.

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Learn about the trenches at Shorncliffe. Search 'trenches'

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THOUSANDS VISIT SHOW

Georgia Allard from the Hythe Imperial massages Susan Piddock at KOS Media's Travel and Leisure Show at the Dover Cruise Terminal.

More than 4,000 people attended the event on Sunday to discover the wealth of tourist attractions the county has to offer, as well as to snap up bargain deals from cross-Channel ferry firms, travel operators and more.

KOS Media's events manager Liz Hare said the show was even better than last year's, which also attracted a huge crowd: "Last year beat all expectations and we were delighted even more people came and enjoyed the show this time around. The exhibitors were thrilled with the turn-out and the visitors I spoke to thought it was great to find everything under one roof."

"Some of the stands had people queuing up all day. It was a phenomenal success."

The show, which received official accreditation from the organisers of British Tourism Week, gave firms in the travel, tourism and leisure industry the opportunity to demonstrate what they are all about.

Business 'concern' but mood is optimistic for full recovery

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SHEPWAY's worsening employment is being watched "with growing concern" by business leaders as new figures reveal a 65 per cent rise in those out of work on last year.

The news comes after the district council sent out nine notices of redundancy to staff within its revenue and benefits division.

The latest statistics from Kent County Council show that for February an extra 219 people had registered as unemployed in the district, bringing the total to 2,380 or a 66.9 per cent increase on the same period 12 months ago.

This brings the total of those out of work to 4.1 per cent of the population, one of the highest in the county and above the Kent average of 3.3 per cent.

Caroline Chambers, manager of the Channel Chamber of Commerce said the organisation

had been looking at ways to provide practical help, including the launch of a new training arm and hosting a special networking breakfast with employers.

She said: "We have been watching the emerging situation across east Kent with growing concern. We have decided initially to dedicate our efforts in delivering team leader and supervisor courses, which are proving to be very attractive to many small businesses across the Kent coast."

"We believe that by pulling together with local partners in both the public and private sector we can avoid the worst effects of this recession and enable coastal resorts such as Folkestone to come out of this situation in a much stronger position."

Shepway council said it was helping to tackle unemployment in a number of ways, including

bringing forward the development of land, such as the Mountfield Road Industrial Estate in New Romney, to create more job capacity.

The council also said it was speeding up invoice payments through the Shepway Economic Regeneration Partnership, alerting businesses to public support agencies and increasing contributions towards business rate relief.

Last week Shepway announced it had sent out nine notices of redundancy, as part of a long-term plan to restructure the revenues department. The notices do not necessarily mean job cuts will be made and a spokesman said the authority was confident that even if some were necessary, most workers affected could be redeployed.

The networking breakfast for employers is being held on Thursday, April 16, at Dover College, to find out more contact the Chamber on 01303 270022.

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Blitz your garden and dig for victory

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A MUSEUM is urging homeowners to dig for victory and uncover the remains of a Second World War shelter to be used in a new display.

Volunteers at the Kent Battle of Britain museum in Hawkinge are creating a 1940s-style wartime garden, complete with an Anderson air-raid shelter which was used by families during the height of the blitz.

However, the front and back parts of the corrugated-iron structure are missing and the museum is now appealing for people to search their gardens and sheds to see if they have the distinctive sheets.

Amanda Darbon, who is organising the display, said she was first inspired after gardening at her allotment in Lydden while working at the museum and realised she could combine her interests.

Ms Darbon, who lives in Dover, said: "There's a long queue for allotments at the moment, it's



RE-CREATED: Amanda Darbon in a partially-made shelter (left) and a wartime picture showing some needed TLC

a shame more are not available, especially in this tricky situation during the recession.

"During the war people had pride in what they grew in their garden, there was a sense of community. They could farm chickens, the



eggs from which you could trade for butter and so on. It is said Britain had never been so healthy – there were no fast-food chains and everyone worked hard.

She said the shelter was given to her by a

neighbour in October last year and is the centrepiece of the 50ft x 25ft garden which has been divided into 20 plots.

She said: "They must have saved a lot of lives, but they would make a horrible old racket and were pretty cold and damp."

"The most likely places for people to find parts of these shelters now would be in their gardens – they may still be in use but as a shed, for example, or in allotments or garages."

The museum is also asking for photographs and memories of the Dig For Victory campaign, which opens over the Easter weekend.

Re-enactors in period costume will be making an appearance on Easter Sunday and Monday, with pupils from nearby Churchill Primary School growing their own runner beans in the garden during the summer term.

Those who wish to send in photos and contributions can do so, together with a stamped, addressed envelope, to the Dig For Victory campaign, c/o Kent Battle of Britain Museum Trust Ltd, Aerodrome Road, Hawkinge CT18 7AG.

The museum reopens on Good Friday, April 10, from 10am-4pm, with last entry at 3pm.

LIFT CLOSURE PROTEST GATHERS MOMENTUM



Protestors gathered at the Upper Station of the Leas Lift on Friday last week to campaign against its possible closure.

Scores of people turned up to show their support for the 125-year-old water-balance lift after Shepway council's Cabinet agreed to terminate its lease to operate the service.

The council said it cost too much to maintain, bringing in £30,000 revenue each year but costing £90,000 to keep open.

It's one of only three still in operation in the British Isles, according to local historian Eamonn Rooney. He was joined by Cllrs Lynne Beaumont and Tim Prater, who helped organise the demonstration, as well as Folkestone town centre manager John Barber.

The lease will be returned to the Radnor Estate, which owns the lift, with the prospect of it not being reopened unless an operator can be found.

Patrols to tackle disruptive youths

GROWING reports of antisocial behaviour by teen gangs in Lydd town centre have led to police stepping up patrols and seizing alcohol.

Large groups of youngsters have been held responsible for the spread of graffiti and other acts of vandalism over recent years, as well as being involved with underage drinking.

Sgt Jasmine Bloomfield said residents were particularly upset when the town's war memorial was defaced earlier this month.

She said: "All Saints Church also suffers damage to windows on a regular basis. At times the groups can number more than 30, which is intimidating for the residents."

"Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings have identified eliminating antisocial behaviour as a priority for improved quality of life for the residents in Lydd."

Youths who have been stopped and spoken to by officers out on patrol tend to travel in

from other areas by bus via the main bus stop in the High Street, with the last service leaving at 10.15pm.

The rowdy behaviour of some of these youths waiting at the stop with friends creates a disturbance which those living nearby have reported to police.

Sgt Bloomfield said: "If officers find groups of youths who are causing problems they will be dispersed, and in some cases taken home and spoken to in front of their parents."

"During the initiative officers have seized alcohol and cigarettes from youths. On several occasions groups had to be ejected from the kebab shop on the High Str. This was at the request of the staff in this location, and all youths moved away without any issues."

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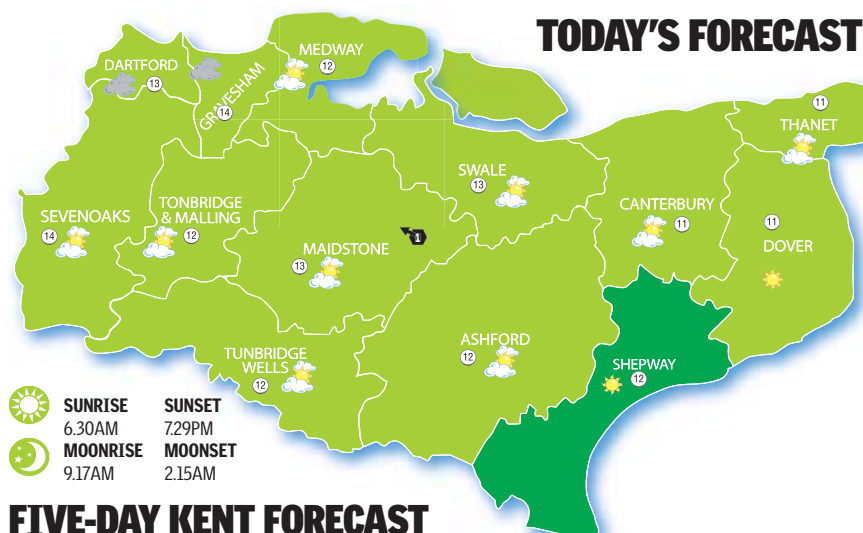
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Dungeness	Saturday	6:31am	6.0m
	Sunday	8:09am	6.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	7:39am	4.0m
	Sunday	9:12am	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:12am	4.9m
	Sunday	9:45am	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:24am	4.4m
	Sunday	10:03am	4.6m



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Cape Town	22°C	Tenerife	19°C
Cardiff	11°C	Tokyo	12°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	9°C
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Canterbury	13°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	Maidstone	14°C	13°C	14°C	14°C	14°C
Chatham	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	Ramsgate	13°C	12°C	12°C	12°C	12°C
Dartford	15°C	14°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	Rochester	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
Dover	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	Sevenoaks	13°C	12°C	14°C	13°C	13°C
Faversham	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	Sittingbourne	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C
Folkestone	12°C	11°C	12°C	11°C	12°C	Tonbridge	14°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
Gillingham	12°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	Tun Wells	14°C	13°C	14°C	15°C	15°C

Parish's turmoil after error strips councillors of titles

PARISH councillors in Eythorne who were stripped of their titles after an error have attacked Dover District Council for refusing to reinstate them all.

Instead, the authority has only reappointed five of the 11, despite claims it was the district council's mistake which led to them being removed. According to the villagers, an old declaration of acceptance of office form was given to them when they were elected.

The error meant they had been serving illegally since May 2007. In February, the district took away their titles and last week reappointed John Baldwin, Stuart Cowan, David Nash, Jeanette Stares and Richard Taylor-Worth – but not all of the 11.

A district statement read: "The appointments were necessary so the parish council could function when it was discovered members had failed to take the declaration of acceptance of office in the form required."

Disqualified

But Wendy Hansell, one of those left out, said: "The statement says we failed to sign the correct form, leading parishioners to think it was our fault, but we had been given the wrong form by the clerk."

According to the former councillors, the district decided against getting the correct forms signed and instead disqualified them before looking for five officers to take over. But this option failed and they were then all asked to interview for just five positions.

A statement from the former councillors read: "We felt to choose five was unjust, undemocratic and could not reflect electors' wishes. "People who had previously resigned ... were encouraged to put themselves forward."

"All had the opportunity to stand for re-election but chose not to – DDC decided to appoint three of these people. We care little for political gamesmanship, but more about our reputations."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

TONY PHILPOTT



Q Tell us a little about yourself

A I'm 39 years old, grew up in Folkestone and attended St Peter's Primary School and Harvey Grammar School. I live in the town with my wife Qun and daughter Anna and am a member of the Folkestone Lions Club.

I run my own management and business development training business, West End Training.

When not working with local companies, I spend a considerable amount of time abroad advising foreign governments on how to develop more effective small business development policies and projects.

I've worked in more than 20 countries, lived for three years in China and am currently working with the Croatian government advising it on developing its small business policies to meet the requirements to join the EU.

Q When did you first become involved in politics and local issues?

A My late father Peter was very interested in politics, although he was never active in any party, as far as I am aware.

Political issues were a frequent topic of conversation in our home when I was a child. My earliest political memories go back to a visit I made with my parents to Downing Street when Harold Wilson was Prime Minister in the mid-1970s. I seem to

recall being able to walk down there in those days.

I think it was the early Thatcher years and the disastrous economic and personal consequences of monetarism that shaped my political outlook in a Liberal direction.

Socialism certainly has never had any appeal to me and a good school-friend of mine, Chris Lee, was a member of the Young Liberals and encouraged me to get involved. I started to get politically active in 1987 and joined the Shepway Liberal Association thanks to the late Bernard Budd.

I was fortunate enough to represent the association in Blackpool in 1988 and voted for the merger of the SDP and the Liberal Party, leading to the creation of the Liberal Democrats. My larger involvement in local issues came when I returned to Folkestone in late 2006.

Q Tell us about the Liberal Legend II and the Kent Roundhead blogs and how they first came about.

A I had been interested in blogging for a number of years and wanted to do it while I lived in China between 2002 and 2005, but unfortunately the Chinese authorities didn't permit access in those days.

Liberal Legend was created on my return to the UK in 2005 and enabled me to sound off about issues of concern to me such as international human rights, protecting ancient freedoms and giving my views on internal political debates with the Liberal

Democrats and wider, national political issues.

Liberal Legend II was created after my resignation as the Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate and returned to some of the themes that I had discussed in first blog, Liberal Legend. I finally resigned from the party in December 2008.

I still see myself as a political Liberal, which is why I've not followed some of my friends into the Conservative Party.

The Kent Roundhead blog www.thekentroundhead.blogspot.com will continue some of the themes and concerns from the original blogs and is also intended to discuss a wider range of issues. I guess the blogging is a moral mission for me, although I don't have as much time for it as I would like.

Q What was behind your decision to leave the Shepway Liberal Democrats?

A I think it is the worst-kept secret that during my time as parliamentary candidate, although I had great support, I also had some problems with certain people in the Shepway Liberal Democrats who never liked my winning the selection.

I will say no more than that I found some of the company less than congenial and felt that I could no longer remain a member in the light of what happened. It was discovering subsequently that my own situation wasn't unique that made me decide to leave the Liberal Democrats completely.

Q&A

The man who wanted to be the LibDem MP for Shepway Tony Philpott, who has now quit the party, speaks to **James Alexandre** about his new blog, his business and how his political views were shaped.

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STAY TUNED: Rhys Ifans (left) and Bill Nighy star in *The Boat That Rocked*, based on the exploits of pirate radio DJs who included Roger Gale (above in 1964), now a Tory MP

Pioneering DJs remember 'anarchy' on the high seas

PARTYING and practical jokes to a soundtrack of rock'n'roll – that's how the pioneering DJs of the Swinging Sixties remember pirate radio.

The latest big screen offering from British director Richard Curtis, *The Boat that Rocked*, set on board an offshore 'pirate' radio station, opens nationwide at cinemas today.

To mark this we spoke to some of the DJs who pushed the boundaries of the law to bring pop music to the masses.

Roger Gale, the Tory MP for Thanet North, BBC Radio Kent presenter Roger Day and BBC Radio 2 presenter Johnny Walker, were among a crew of young men who became 'pirates' of the airwaves in the 60s to challenge the Government's monopoly of radio.

Curtis's film stars Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and recent Bond girl Gemma Arterton, who is

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

from Gravesend, and is based on the story of Radio Caroline which began broadcasting off the coast of the UK in 1964.

Mr Gale, who joined the Radio Caroline DJ team in August of that year, said: "When we were out there for the summer we were jumping off the side of the ship to swim as the records played.

Coastguards

"We would work a fortnight on the boat and have a week off. Huge crowds would welcome us off the boat – lots of girls.

"I was engaged at the time so I did not revel quite as much as others."

In celebration of his birthday, the late night rock show presenter and his co-DJs decided to play a game involving their listeners.

The 'pirate' boats had to stay three miles

away from shore so they were in international waters and not bound by English law.

Mr Gale told how the broadcasters asked all the people in nearby coastal towns to drive down to the beach and flash their headlights.

He said: "The coastguard went berserk. They were good times."

Johnny Walker was a Radio Caroline DJ who was used by Curtis as a consultant for the film.

He said: "Richard has captured the spirit of pirate radio very well in the film. It was anarchy."

His colleague at the Beeb, Roger Day worked at Radio Caroline from 1966-68, he said: "It was the dream job for a 21-year-old. Playing great music and having a laugh."

He told how to fill the time between shows on the ship, the young men would squirt each other with the fire hose and play practical jokes, such as setting the breakfast show team's alarm clocks so that they would wake up five hours too early.

Commission slams KCC for not heeding Icelandic warnings

KENT County Council has been accused of negligence by putting millions of pounds of our money into Icelandic banks days before the system collapsed last year.

KCC was one of seven English councils slammed in a report by spending watchdog the Audit Commission on Thursday, because the council carried on paying cash into the doomed Iceland banking system, despite warnings they were in trouble.

The commission revealed KCC paid in £8.3 million in early October, just days after a warning on September 30 that one bank's credit rating had fallen. On October 7, the Icelandic banking system collapsed completely.

The county council – which is believed to have lost £50m in the collapse – maintains it had been open about its conduct and hoped to get the cash back. But the fate of the £954m deposited by councils and other public bodies in Icelandic banks remains uncertain.

There is no British government protection for institutions as there is for individuals.

Handful

The Audit Commission said most councils had "heeded warnings" about the declining credit worthiness of Icelandic banks during 2008, and had acted.

However, it said that some had ignored the risks while a handful, including KCC, had behaved "negligently".

The collapse has highlighted the "variable standards" within finance at different councils across England and Wales.

"Good treasury managers recognised those risks and managed them appropriately," said an Audit Commission spokesman.

"Others either did not appreciate the risks or underestimated their significance."

KCC cabinet member for finance Nick Chard told the BBC: "The position and language used by the Audit Commission is quite extraordinary. It really is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. I find this a convenient smokescreen for the Audit Commission, which has twice the level of exposure in Icelandic banks that Kent County Council has."



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■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

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It also hopes to highlight the health benefits of eating fish, while reinforcing the message of our campaign to demand locally produced, locally sourced food and drink.

The trail guide also addresses the important concerns of fish sustainability and outlines Kent's environmentally responsible small day-boat fishing policy in the Channel.

As Julie Monkman, manager at Produced in Kent, explains: "While consumers

have grasped the health benefits of eating more fish, there are many environmentally conscientious consumers who have concerns about consuming fish from depleted stocks.

"The good news about the fishing industry in Kent is fishermen tend to work with small day-boats in Kent's waters, rather than with



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the damaging deep net fishing.

"The trail guide has provided a powerful mouthpiece for us to communicate this information to the increasing numbers of consumers who want to be environmentally responsible and prefer to consume naturally-occurring, native fish stocks."

Among the many places featured are the likes of top restaurants

Coastguard pub at St Margaret's Bay to the Mulberry Tree in Boughton Monchelsea – winner of the recent best restaurant prize at the Produced in Kent awards night. There are walks, too, including a stunning circular stroll along the famous white cliffs at Dover, taking walkers around Kingsdown and

starting and finishing at Walmer Castle. Fans of social history can even learn how the great British dish of fish and chips has developed and evolved over the centuries. And if you want to know how to buy and prepare fish, there is information on that, too – plus a

special introduction to how to get fish into your diet if you've yet to take the plunge.

Ms Monkman said: "The health benefits of eating more fish, and oily fish in particular, are undisputed.

"Recent findings have shown benefits for improved concentration, brain development and managing hyperactivity in children, while there has been a very positive link between preventing many of the major diseases in older people.

"Rather than banging the health drum, this guide has quite literally been designed to put the soul back into eating more regionally sourced fish, with a thoroughly practical and useful guide on where to buy and eat the best fish in Kent."

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In Newington, the King George V playing field will host the first session this Saturday; and Kettle Drive in Hawkinge will do so on Tuesday, April 7. The parks at Oaklands in Hythe on Wednesday, April 8, and Lympne's Octavian Drive on Thursday, April 9, are next, followed by the Derings in Lydd on Friday, April 10.

The tour finishes at Newchurch play area on April 16; and the Fairfield ground in New Romney on Friday, April 17. The events start at 11am and finish by 3pm. Call 01303 853277 or email tamsin.jarrett@shepway.gov.uk to find out more.

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SEVEN students at University Centre Folkestone are on the way to becoming the entrepreneurs of tomorrow after completing work on a free 18-hour course.

Last year, 37 of 66 students who enrolled had submitted business plans and presented their ideas to a Dragons' Den-style panel.

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Dr Mike Nicholls, of UCF, who leads the applied professional studies degree programme, will now look at each individual's progress, including their educational qualifications, previous training and work experience.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

This will then be given a higher education value, meaning many of them could be on their way to achieving a foundation degree. Those who already have a higher education qualification have the potential to improve this to a BA/BSc or a masters. Two more Step Up To Business programmes are to be held this month at the centre and at Dover in May.

Tracey McRobert, project coordinator at UCF, said: "I think a combination of the economic climate, additional income from turning a hobby into a business, plus the reputation of the course ensured maximum attendance."

The bite-sized courses are designed for any-

one aged over 17 looking to start their own business, return to work or start a business studies course at college or university.

Run in partnership with the University of Greenwich, they cover a range of principles from basic trading at boot fairs to growing businesses. They are also designed to help creative business brains identify a market, learn to sell ideas, develop negotiating skills, understand finance and draft a plan to develop their own enterprise. The centre will be offering the free 18-hour courses every Tuesday and Wednesday from April 7-22, at 7pm.

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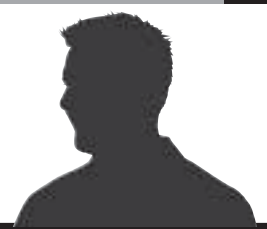
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Great movie, legendary actor, no audience. Ross Emans says Shepway is in danger of losing a little gem ...



Go ahead, punk, make my day and keep our cinema open ...

I WRITE having just returned from watching the Clint Eastwood film *Gran Torino* at Folkestone's Silver Screen cinema with my fiancée.

It's a hugely enjoyable and satisfying film, largely thanks to Eastwood's superb acting and direction. However, the evening was tinged with sadness for two reasons.

Firstly, *Gran Torino* is expected to be Eastwood's last starring role, so we were witnessing the final celluloid moments of a legendary actor.

His career has included so many iconic roles, not only in westerns like *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*, *A Fistful of Dollars* and, more recently, *Unforgiven*, but also as the unforgettable cop 'Dirty' Harry Callahan in the 1970s and '80s. Because of this, *Gran Torino* felt like the end of an era.

Secondly, and more poignantly from my

point of view, there were only six people watching the film, including us.

This was not on a Tuesday afternoon, but Saturday evening, when the cinema should be at its busiest.

I'm no business expert, but if these kinds of box office takings are commonplace, they are likely to threaten the cinema's survival.

Independent cinemas are an endangered species and in south-east Kent alone in the last couple of years we've seen the closure of cinemas in Deal and Margate, on top of the hundreds that have closed around the country since their heyday in the 1930s and '40s.

In Folkestone, we should count ourselves lucky to have such a great little cinema, whose decor harks back to those glory days and which has such charming features as seats for two at the back of the gallery in the main auditorium.

The staff are also incredibly friendly and welcoming. I am sure many people would lament its demise if it closed, but if everyone

continues to drive to Ashford (where it costs more anyway) to watch a film, then that is what will surely happen.

Gran Torino clearly does not have the same widespread appeal – more's the pity – as the kinds of mindless blockbusters that abound these days, so I hope the film we watched was not indicative of the general situation at the cinema. Our experience brought home to us how crucial it is to support local businesses in tough economic times and we will certainly be returning again very soon.

So before you head up the M20 to watch a film, think about saving yourself a few quid in petrol and watching it in Folkestone, while you still have the chance.

Otherwise, like the great Clint Eastwood's acting, our cinema may slip into film history.

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Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

BRING ME SUNSHINE

Outgoing, fun female 28, seeks outgoing, fun guy to make me laugh, share good times with. Box 448251

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Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair, blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

SOUND GOOD?

Attractive 39yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

A NEW FUTURE!

I'm Rachel, 35, medium, enjoys pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, cinema, theme parks, looking someone special to share things with. Box 448591

ON A ROLL!

Hi, I'm Alison, 36, 5ft5, single mum, loves swimming, roller skating and meeting new people, looking for a male for friendship, maybe leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

WISHFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, 2 kids. Looking for new friends and hopefully someone special. Box 446039

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552

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Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

EVERLASTING LOVE

Beautiful black female, 46, WLTm a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5ft10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Tunbridge Wells Box 445407

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne, 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

HI EVERYONE, I'M

Debbie, 46, slim, 5ft5, blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a man, 44-49, 5ft7+, with a nice appearance, preferably a N.S. Box 449422

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Sun-loving 48yr old woman with a second home in Lanzarote, 5ft6, fairly slim, hazel eyes, looking for a man to share fun times with. Box 450310

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

FOR KEEPS

Hi I'm Karen, 50, medium build, 5ft, separated, devoted mum, looking for friendship with someone who likes dining out, evening walks and perhaps something lasting... Box 882618

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

ENTERTAIN ME

Female, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular dining, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100

FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 51, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate 45-55 for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS...

I'm 51, fed up with playing solitaire on the computer! Sincere and loving, enjoy many interests, looking for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Box 881711

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Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N.S. male for long term relationship. Box 448566

ROMANTIC MALE WANTED!

Interests: theatre, music, gardening, cooking, walks. I'm a tactile, loving female, considerate, with a GSOH, 59, 5ft2, dark hair/blue eyes and WLTm romantic, non-smoking gent. Box 450420

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be-with, happy, contented lady (60), 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882612

LOVING AND GENUINE

Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking, very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking, eating out. Box 440502

YOUR TIME IS COMING

Maidstone male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40 Box 429375

TIME'S ON OUR SIDE!

Adventurer, 38, medium build, 5ft8, love my motorbikes and cars, gigs and especially road trips! Looking for female 30-40 who's outgoing, for fun and friendship. Box 450533

HOP ON!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTm a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN

I'm Pete, 39, 6ft, bald with a goatee, built like a rhino, love fun and games, always up for a laugh, seeking a lovely lady. Box 881350

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE!

Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer! Looking for loving companion. Box 450317

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Ar-loving 40yr old, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, into motorbikes and weight-lifting, looking for a trustworthy female for friendship to start off with, then who knows? Box 448928

HI THERE I'M...

Brian, 40, 5ft8, hazel eyes, black hair, into sport and keeping fit, looking for a special lady to share the good and the bad with. Box 450563

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Nick, 41, 6ft, slim, dark hair/blue eyes, likes cinema, country pubs and socialising with friends, looking for a kind, caring and considerate female, 35-45. Box 450339

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Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes bar games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking single woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

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STANDING ON OUR OWN FEET

Hi there, I'm a 42 year old male, 6ft, with brown hair/blue eyes, sincere, caring & thoughtful, OHAC, seeking female with independent mind for love. Box 884870

IF YOU WANT ME, LET ME KNOW!

Hello, I'm Wayne, 19, 6ft4, 18st, enjoy most things in life, very easy-going, looking for a nice girl to start a relationship with. Box 450360

FOR LOVE

Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/leaving out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER

Professional male, 32, 6ft2, medium build, likes golf, football and snooker, WLTm a female with a great personality for everlasting happiness. Box 446121

SHARING GOOD TIMES

Independent dad, 35, 6ft, blond hair blue eyes, slim-medium build, great SOH, likes nights in/out, pubbing, etc. seeking female who's honest. Box 446966

BOTTLE OF WINE

Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

A LOVE THAT LASTS FOREVER

White male, 36, looking for a very attractive slim blonde female, 37-40, with or without children, to settle down with. Box 450323

THE GOOD LIFE

Blonde male, 37, 5ft9, love golf, don't mind a beer, WLTm an open-minded female for good times, maybe a relationship. Box 450544

EVERYTHING I DO

Led, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading. WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889729

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MUSCLE MUSCLE MAN

Muscular mid 40s black guy, 5ft11, great SOH, WLTm attractive slim white female with GSOH, for loving encounters and uncomplicated relationship. Box 450058

LEAN ON ME

Very romantic, caring & loyal male, 44, slim, blue eyes, fair hair, GSOH, seeks lady with similar interests for hopeful long term relationship. Box 446120

SEEKING SNOW WHITE

Bashful male, 44, medium build, enjoys pubs, eating out, the out-doors, walks, picnics. Looking for a lady who likes going out. Box 450402

BUILD ME UP BUTTERCUP

Builder by trade, I'm a 44yr old guy, I like cars, TV, watching football, going out, cosy nights in, cycling, walks. You? Box 448205

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

WITTY

Active, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country pubs, music, most things, seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508

MOVING ON

Recently widowed male, 46, just needs some company for chats and evenings in or out, perhaps leading to something in future. Box 881241

FOOTLOOSE & FANCY FREE

Athletic build male, white complexion, 46, 5ft8, lots of hair! Loves nights in with bottle of wine and DVD, seeks lady to cook for. Box 45054

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WIN a delicious chocolate treat

THIS Easter at Bluewater, the iconic Lindt Gold Bunny will be hosting a series of enchanting events to entertain the whole family and raise funds for London's Great Ormond Street Hospital children's charity.

The money will be used to build further family accommodation to allow parents to stay near their children while they have treatment.

The Lindt Gold Bunny extravaganza will be appearing in the Rose Gallery between April 4-11, bringing magical delights and chocolate surprises with it.

In addition to Master Chocolatiers

on stilts and colouring activities for the children, there will be lots of chocolate Gold Bunny treats for kids and their parents who choose to have their faces painted!

So head down to Bluewater this Easter holiday, indulge in some family fun and delicious chocolate and help the Lindt Gold Bunny spread a little magic.

To celebrate these springtime festivities the Lindt Gold Bunny has teamed up with KOS Media – publisher of this newspaper – to offer six lucky readers the opportunity to win £50 of delicious Easter treats, including a 1kg Lindt Gold Bunny, a 200g Lindt Gold Bunny, a Lindt Gold Bunny Easter Egg and a selection of Lindor-filled eggs.

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TALK TIME

RUDOLF KREMERS

The Dutch game designer, who lives in Folkestone, talks about working at Retrotech in The Old High Street and his latest project



Tell us about yourself and Retrotech

Retrotech is run by three people: Colin Curl – on whose collection of wonderful items the shop inventory is based; Katherine Curl – his daughter and my partner; and me. The heart and soul of the business come from Colin's skill in finding and restoring the items, and Kate and I do our best to translate that into a viable business.

What kind of items do you sell?

An enormous variety, of scientific, historical or technological interest, often rather collectible. This can mean anything from classic microscopes to vintage electrotherapy equipment to classic World War Two gear. Voltmeters, ancient valves, nautical equipment ... you name it.

What are your career goals?

I am a professional game developer and author; Kate is a solicitor; and Colin is a technology genius. I am not sure where this will take our careers. I want to turn the shop into a huge success and we are working hard to achieve that.

Tell us something that people don't tend to know about you

I wrote my first game in the early 1980s. But I have never had as much satisfaction from working on a game as I am getting from my latest project, called Dyson (www.dyson-game.com). It all fits nicely with the theme of the shop, as well – Dyson is based on fascinating scientific principles and the shop almost feels like it belongs in a video game.

YOUR LETTERS

Mother's pride over Marlowe starlets

I sat in the bar at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury and watched the kids on the monitor in action on stage during A Night of a Thousand Stars.

The Marlowe Youth Theatre – in particular our young Dover stars, Saskia Wadsworth-Smith, Ben Steele and Natalie Read – were fantastic.

They were unfazed by the magnitude of the occasion and totally at home on the stage, along with all the stars who were there to say farewell to the Marlowe Theatre.

Their performance was faultless and I cried with pride as they took their final bows. They are stars of the future and Dover should be very proud of them.

Karol Steele, Dover

Hard to take flight with a right wing

Michael Walsh, of the Friends of Lydd Airport, discredits himself and his case by appearing to side with a far-right political party (letters, last week).

Also, by sending the letter on the group's behalf, he may well be ascribing such views to some supporters who may not wish to be associated with them.

It could also affect the airport itself and I call on chief executive Clifford Spink to disassociate the airport from the views expressed. Failure to do so may imply tacit support. As regards Lydd air-



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port's case, it has surely long been lost on both economic and environmental grounds. The delays in the decision-making process have been entirely the fault of the airport for not providing all the information needed in

the first place. Further, Mr Walsh forgets that the majority on the Marsh, and beyond, have been consistently against the proposals. He also forgets that I, along with others, have regularly put forward alternative ideas for

employment in the area, whether green-collar jobs and/or expanding tourism. I even support the proposed extra apprentice jobs, provided the airport remains as it is and withdraws its expansion plans permanently. All that appears missing is the political will and vision. I remind Mr Walsh that people have been changing their holidaying patterns, preferring UK breaks or going via train to Europe.

Given that the recession could last into 2011 and we may take years to recover, air travel is far less likely to be taken up for the foreseeable future.

Finally, with climate scientists becoming ever more alarmed, we must change our ways to avoid the worst that could still happen.

Ray Duff, Folkestone

Flipping his Lydd

What a thoroughly unpleasant letter from Michael Walsh.

His belief that Harry Williams, of the BNP, won the argument with Ray Duff "hands down, on points and by the proverbial mile" appears more to reflect Mr Walsh's own political leanings than any true reflection of events. Do all members of Friends of Lydd Airport hold the same views?

Michael James, Folkestone

Dubious views

An astonishing letter from Michael Walsh last week.

Aside from revealing some apparent rather dubious political views, his remark "when management is finally given planning permission to create hundreds of jobs, then he can contact me" por-

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trays a genuinely distasteful arrogance. Planning permission is a fait accompli, is it?

I think we should be told. As for the jobs claims, let's keep some hold on reality. Manston has promised all sorts of job creation figures – none has come to fruition. No wonder the majority on the Marsh is against expansion. And I suspect the minority in favour might have a change of heart after Mr Walsh's letter.

Mick Wilson, Hythe

Taxed – and vexed

I attach a graph showing the increases in council tax for a band F house in the Shepway council area. It shows an increase of 65 per cent over the past eight years – an average of eight per cent per annum. I am annoyed by these continuous increases, but as councils have the law on their side, we can do very little in protest. As a pensioner, who just happens to live in a band F house, I am happy to pay my bit towards education, refuse collection, police and fire services etc. I am not happy to pay the salaries and pensions of staff doing non-jobs that are advertised regularly. Councils should remember they are there to serve the people, not the other way round.

Terry Mullard, Dymchurch



Raw Deal on parking

Those of us who want to see Deal prosper will have been delighted that half a page of the Guardian's travel section was devoted to the town's holiday homes. The writer and her family concluded Deal was "cool", but the "astronomical parking charges" were not. Yet again the Conservative administration on Dover District Council has snatched an economic defeat from the jaws of victory.

Cllr Mike Eddy, KCC member for Deal

Our wasteful system

Interest rates are the lowest they have ever been, but there is no noticeable reduction in other daily expenses. Public fares are not fair, gas and electric costs shot up but are not coming down much.

The £2 million on a monument of a horse seems a bit much. The cost of the Olympics and Lord Coe's income from it appear excessive.

But the most hurtful and needless cost is council tax and business tax.

Councils are not indispensable. There is no need for us to belong to the EU. Only political appointees are doing well out of it.

As for the extra runway for Heathrow, destinations are being cancelled daily. The culture and style of management has become a malignant sore, depriving us of economic stability.

Rita Grootendorst, by email

Fundamental flaws

The Audit Commission has confirmed that Kent County Council was negligent in its investments in Iceland. Kent Green Party would like to know who will actually be taking responsibility for the £50 million loss.

Claims by KCC that it will get any of this money back are open to dispute. Will council officers or councillors resign?

In a commercial organisation, such a loss could easily lead to those responsible being sacked.

How will KCC show its commitment to public accountability? An admission that market fundamentalism has failed would be good. The resignation of those involved would be better.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Contemptuous Kent

Yet again Kent County Cricket Club have shown their contempt for our national side by giving Stuart Clark the chance to prove his form and fitness ahead of the Ashes series.

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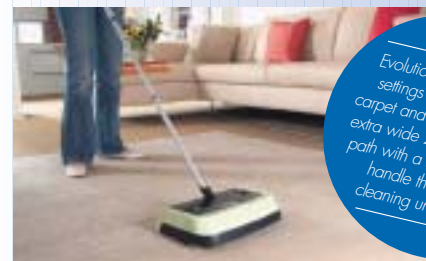
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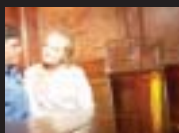
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GARY MOORE

Thursday, April 16
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LEGENDARY guitarist Gary Moore starts his new live tour in Folkestone later this month.

Considered one of the greatest guitarists the British Isles has ever produced, Moore has appeared in the line-ups of several notable rock bands and enjoyed a highly successful solo career.

His latest album, *Bad For You Baby*, demonstrates the extraordinary talent that has kept Moore at the forefront of blues music during a career that spans five decades.

Born in Belfast in 1952, Moore was of the generation of music fans who fell in love with rock'n'roll when Elvis Presley and then The Beatles came along.

But when he saw acts like Jimi Hendrix and John Mayall's Bluesbreakers performing in his home-town in the mid-60s, it opened up a whole new world for the young music-lover.

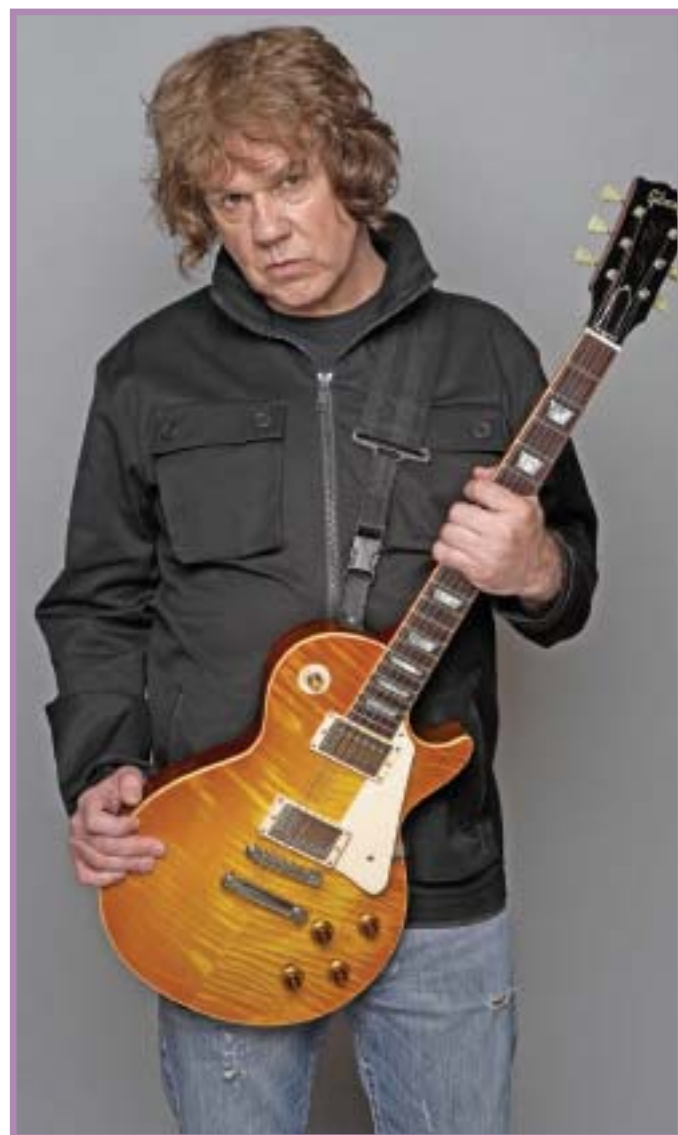
His passion and latent talent for the blues increased when he heard the guitar-playing of musicians like Peter Green, who would later become Moore's mentor.

Soon considered a teenage prodigy under Green's guidance, Moore later paid tribute to his hero by naming his 1995 album *Blues For Greeny*.

Moore secured his first record deal in 1970 with the power trio Skid Row. Shortly before the deal was signed, Moore had moved to Dublin and met Phil Lynott, who had filled in as vocalist. Moore released three albums with Skid Row and toured the US as support act to bands such as The Allman Brothers Band and Mountain.

Despite embarking on a solo career, he soon found himself drawn back into a band when Lynott invited him to join Thin Lizzy as Eric Bell's replacement. He was with the band only briefly but returned after Brian Robertson left in 1977 and again for the Black Rose tour the following year.

Exactly 30 years ago, Moore's solo career really got under way with the single *Parisienne Walkways*, which reached the Top 10 in April, 1979. It was followed by a successful album, *Back On The Streets*, and he spent the late 70s and early 80s restlessly



Picture: SAM SCOTTHUNTER

TALENTED: Gary Moore's legendary music career spans almost 40 years

pursuing the highest quality of music.

In 1985 he reunited with Lynott for the hit single *Out In The Fields* and followed it with the *Wild Frontier* album, an exploration of his Celtic roots. But it was his 1990 album *Still Got The Blues* that really saw Moore's creativity set free. The next album featured cameo appearances by blues greats such as Albert King, BB King and Albert Collins, with Moore making his mark even in this

hallowed company. In 2006 he delighted Thin Lizzy fans by reuniting with the band for a one-off concert in Dublin.

Moore has continued to experiment with his music and keep fans guessing, but one thing they can be sure of is that he will always be an exceptional talent.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £21/£19. To book, call 0844 8471776, or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



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HALFWAY TO PARADISE - THE BILLY FURY STORY

Thursday, April 2
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THIRTEEN years after losing their front man and treasured friend, the Tornados had a revelation.

Ever since Billy Fury died of a long-term heart problem in 1983, his band had dreamed of carrying on his legacy and recapturing their glory days. But it was not until they tuned to ITV's Stars In Their Eyes in 1996 that the dream became a possibility.

Giving an impersonation that made the band members' spines tingle, Colin Gold recreated the sight and sound of Fury in a perfectly executed performance. Soon afterwards, the band and singer joined forces to create Halfway To Paradise - The Billy Fury Story.

Fury was one of Britain's most iconic rock 'n' roll stars and for more than 10 years fans have been flocking to the show, keen to recapture the memories of yesteryear. Featuring the greatest Fury hits of the 60s and 70s, the show gives audiences the chance to immerse themselves in musical nostalgia.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50. Book at www.leascliffhall.org.uk or call the box office on 0844 8471776.



DEAL FESTIVAL CHAMBER CONCERT



Friday, April 3
Town Hall, Deal

MUSIC by Haydn, Schumann, Bartok and Dvorak will be featured in the next Deal Festival chamber concert.

The Cinque Ports Ensemble will give the third concert in the series, led by violinist John Georgiadis who adds a personal touch with his interesting comments about the pieces or players. Georgiadis is well-known to Deal audiences through his involvement with the Cinque Ports Ensemble as conductor and violinist. He began studying the violin at the age of six, under the guidance of his amateur violinist father, and went on to study at London's Royal Academy of Music and in Paris before becoming a successful leader and conductor.

Joining him is cellist Martin Thomas, a fellow Academy graduate and former founder member of the Coull String Quartet, one of the UK's premier quartets. Pianist Anthony Halstead studied piano, horn, organ and



composition at the Royal Manchester College of Music and has held principal positions with a number of esteemed orchestras.

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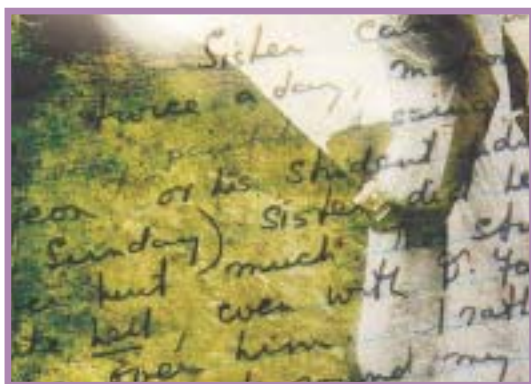


Friday, April 3
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

LONG before the internet, a desperate young woman created a remarkable virtual community.

The true story of the Cooperative Correspondence Club, or CCC, is told in a new play by Foursight Theatre, called Can Any Mother Help Me? Inspired by Jenna Bailey's book, the play explores the connections made between desperate housewives back in the 30s.

In 1935 a lonely young Irish woman was living alone in a village with her four children, having been abandoned by her husband. Starved of adult company, she wrote to The Nursery World magazine under the pen name Ubique and asked



plaintively "Can any mother help me?"

The response led to the formation of the CCC, a group of 24 young mothers who provided much needed support for each other, transforming the lives of isolated women throughout the country. This touching and funny play uses the women's fasci-

nating writing to shed light on social, cultural, historical and moral 20th century events, all told from personal perspectives.

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CHALKFOOT Theatre Company brings its tour of spy thriller The Riddle of the Sands to an end this weekend.

Two actors play a host of characters in this compelling show that combines tongue-in-cheek humour with suspense.

The Riddle of the Sands will be at Saltwood Village Hall at 8pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £8.50/£7.50, to book call 01303 268362.

Contemporary gallery opens up for artists

ARTISTS across Kent are invited to take part in a new exhibition in the Turner Contemporary Project Space in Margate.

Entrants can submit up to eight works for consideration by a panel of arts professionals. Turner Contemporary Open will run from June 27 to September 6.

The closing date is Friday. For conditions of entry and a submissions form visit www.turnercontemporary.org.

Band to hit all the right notes in performance

DAVE Hopkins' Jazz Notes will provide the music at The Grand in Folkestone on Thursday night.

Alongside Hopkins on vibes and tenor sax, the band also features Vaughan Redfern on bass guitar, Jim Foxwright on drums and guitarist Clive Hicks. The music starts in Keppels Music Room at 8.30pm and admission costs £4. See www.grand-uk.com or call 01303 222222.

Bad Pennies come good with a night of top rock

FOR an evening of top rock and blues music, head down to the Park Inn Hotel in Folkestone this weekend.

Bad Pennies is a Medway-based band that plays no-nonsense tribute to the likes of Jimi Hendrix, Gary Moore and more, see www.badpennies.co.uk.

They will be at the inn in Radnor Park Road on Saturday. For more information about the venue call 01303 252355.

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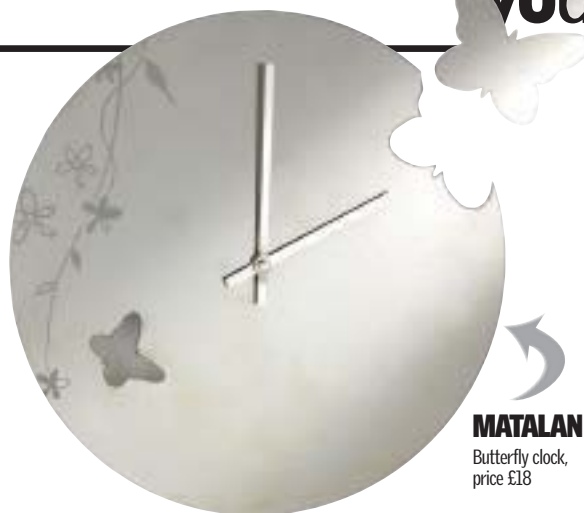


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The Farmhouse is jazzing it up with worldwide talent

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CHICAGO-born saxophonist Matana Roberts will play at The Farmhouse this weekend – kick-starting the Canterbury venue's monthly International Jazz Sundays event.

The acclaimed jazz star will take to the stage at 4pm on Sunday, one of just five UK tour dates she will play this year.

International Jazz Sundays will be held on the first Sunday of every month, featuring, as the name implies, a non-England-based jazz act.

The three remaining weekends of the month have also been catered for.

The Farmhouse's Matt Gough said: "Other monthly Sundays starting in April include The Farmhouse Thriftstore Sundays, with food stalls from local producers and local clothes/record shops taking place on the second Sunday of every month.

"Rockabilly Sundays will take place every third Sunday and Ska/Reggae Sundays will be held on the fourth Sunday of every month."

The rolling super Sundays line-up has been organised in conjunction with the venue's Sunday roast menu.

Lunch is served from noon to 5pm, with a two-course meal costing just £12. A third course can be added for an additional £3.

My personal picks from the menu include the hare on toast starter (£4.75), traditional roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and horseradish main (£9) and chocolate brownie (£5) or



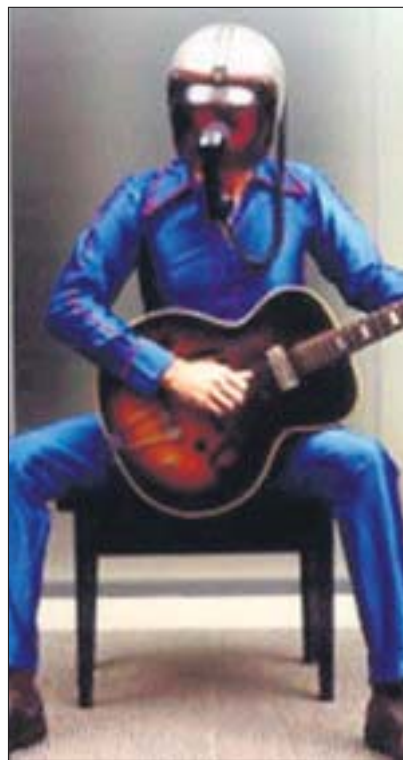
English farmhouse cheeses with biscuits and chutney (£5) for dessert.

Back to the music, The Farmhouse has three nights of live performances lined up in the coming weeks, starting with one-man-band Bob Log III on Thursday.

The man is a cannonball-suit, motorbike helmet-wearing slide-guitar genius. He's the best in the world at what he does, if only taking that title by virtue of the fact that he is the only person in the world who does what he does.

Next up is Canadian husband-and-wife duo Handsome Furs on Thursday, April 9, and instrumentalists Holy F*** on Saturday, May 9.

For more details on the food and music line-up, visit www.thefarmhousecanterbury.co.uk.



IT'S JAZZ: Chicago-born saxophonist Matana Roberts (left) will play at The Farmhouse, along with motorbike helmet-wearing slide-guitar genius Bob Log II (above)

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Spall pays his tribute to an 'infuriating genius'

■ BY KATE WHITING

FOOTBALL legend Brian Clough doesn't appear to have a lot in common with music mogul Simon Cowell, but Timothy Spall thinks otherwise.

The seasoned British actor plays Clough's right-hand man Peter Taylor in controversial new biopic *The Damned United*. He has read more than most about the football manager and has his own theory about Clough's popularity.

"He was a loudmouth and he liked annoying people. Every now and again these personalities turn up who are both infuriating and fascinating, but you can't help but like them," Spall says.

"You could compare them to Simon Cowell – they drive you nuts, but they are so original that you can't resist them – they're marvellous in their own right. And I think Clough enjoyed the limelight."

Brian Clough, who died in 2004, was thought to be one of England's best managers. He won back-to-back European Cups with Nottingham Forest and took Derby County from the bottom of Division Two to their first Football League championship.

The *Damned United* follows the player-turned-manager's rise with Derby from 1968 up to his disastrous 44-day stint in charge of Leeds United in 1974, then the biggest club in the country.

While Clough, played by Michael Sheen, enjoyed being the front-man, his loyal assistant manager Taylor was more of a shrinking violet, a kind-hearted man who worked hard behind the scenes and let Clough take the glory.



SMOKING GUN: Timothy Spall as Peter Taylor

Their dynamic, sometimes volatile, partnership is at the heart of the film.

"Obviously it's a sporting piece, but it's very much about the marriage between Clough and Taylor," 52-year-old Spall says.

"Taylor was a typical backroom boy, like a wife in the background – he brought all the support. His real talent was for knowing which players worked together and for spotting other players that had been undervalued."

"Clough, apart from many other brilliant – and annoying – things, was an incredible man motivator. He knew how to get the best out of people. So it was a perfect marriage and a bit like a lot of double acts, comedians and showbiz partnerships, they're not as good without each other."

The film, based on the book by Red Riding author David Peace, paints Clough as a charismatic, ambitious young manager who liked to court controversy. Clough's family are reportedly bitter about the book and the film, which portrays Clough as the victim of his own ambition and competitiveness.

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His long-standing rivalry with Leeds manager Don Revie led him to take the post when Revie became England manager, even though he had railed against the club's aggressive playing style.

Clough and Taylor fell out over the decision, and Taylor refused to join him at Leeds. Clough soon began to realise he couldn't cope on his own and became the least successful manager in the club's history.

But for all Clough's bigmouth bravura, Spall says there was a kind man underneath: "He went and visited people in hospital and if anyone needed dosh, he'd help them out."

"Very few sports types are that fascinating. He wasn't just a braggart and a pundit, he was a kind of genius."

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE SIMPSONS
Sky 1, 6pm, Sunday
AMERICAN IDOL
ITV 2, 8pm, Thursday

WHAT in the name of all that's good and holy has happened to The Simpsons in recent years?

I caught one of the latest episodes last weekend and was shocked by how bad it was.

For what was once essential viewing, it has ventured into the realm of self-congratulatory, back-slapping, must-avoid viewing.

Matt really must be Groening.

What used to be so joyful about this TV monster was the subtle touches and understated jokes that ran alongside the more slapstick stuff that appealed to the younger viewers.

It was a real family show in every sense of the word and wasn't just about the Simpsons, but also the community of a dumb suburban town.

Now though it really only focuses on Homer, seemingly the only character anyone seems to care about – and that's a crying shame.

Rarely has a show fallen from grace so badly – and don't get me started on the over-indulgent plot-free movie.

I hope the creators call time on this sooner rather than later before the reputation is further tarnished, but while it's still making money on such a grand scale it's hard to see.

The latest episodes always air on Sky, before Channel 4 set about flogging them to death until you, me and our children's children have shuffled off this mortal coil once and for all.

What was once America's favourite show has long since been surpassed in the ratings by the likes of American Idol.

Season eight is now in full shmultz – sorry – swing, on ITV 2 on Thursdays.



OFF KEY: Cult cartoon series The Simpsons has lost the appeal that made it a worldwide smash

Simon Cowell's strangle-hold on the music charts is even more in effect there as it is here.

While he has unleashed Leona Lewis and co on our national consciousness, the king of the centre-parted flat-top conducts another reign of terror across the Atlantic.

Have you ever heard of Taylor Hicks, Clay Aiken, Jordin Sparks, Chri Daughtry or Carrie Underwood?

I'm guessing that unless you're a devotee of this show then probably not.

Well, in America these are big names peddling a brand of middle-of-the-road mayhem into the hearts and minds of an already misguided nation.

Far more of the runners-up and rejects go on to have astonishingly big careers than here and you must wonder if, really, we have got off lightly with the annual X Factor circus.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
SOMEONE may ask you to teach a class or write a book. Seize this opportunity immediately. Although it may not pay very much, it could lead to bigger and better things. A person who has been badmouthing you may hurt your reputation. Let your actions speak for themselves.
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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
IT MAY be best to keep your thoughts to yourself right now. An overbearing expert is wearing on your patience. It's better to keep a respectful silence. In time, they will make a miscalculation. When that happens, you'll be able to point to their arrogant incompetence.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
ALTHOUGH you're fond of familiar comforts, it does pay to expand your horizons. Don't expect your colleagues to take much of an interest in your activities. If people suspect you are getting restless, they may try to hold you back. Keep your public and professional lives separate.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
IT'S important to check and double-check your work this week. A small mistake could be disastrous. A medical consultation could bring welcome relief from a nagging ache or pain. If you're looking for a job, this would be a good time to make the round of employment agencies.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
THIS is a good time to spend money on travel, education and technical gadgets. Although you're not very materialistic, you do enjoy the occasional splurge. By putting your resources toward things that will expand your consciousness, you'll get a huge return on your investment.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 21)
YOUR social life takes off like a rocket. Making the rounds of parties will be a pleasant diversion. You're sick and tired of being buried at work. Delegate smaller responsibilities to colleagues. Doing everybody else's job will ultimately take a toll on your health.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
IF you're struggling with a debt it's time to make a deal. Consolidate your bills and negotiate a lower repayment rate. If you stand your ground, you could even hammer out an agreement that allows you to pay off only the principle. These days, people are anxious for cash.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
YOUR upbeat mood will delight some and annoy others. Try to recognise the difference. If a youngster or lover is depressed you can lift their spirits with kindness and a well-timed sense of humour. If you're looking for love, think about joining an internet dating site.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
A BRIGHT idea could win you some great publicity. This is definitely the time to promote your agenda. An intimidating authority figure may try to block your way. Luckily, the rest of the group will rally to your side. Continue to hold your ground. A female ally will be helpful now.
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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
CAREER matters are highlighted this week. If an executive leaves his position, be prepared to step in. Although you may be scared about taking this risk, it will pay off. It's all a matter of having faith in your natural leadership ability. Pay no attention to rivals.
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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
THERE'S never been a better week to sign a contract. Entering into a business partnership is also favoured. A jealous relative could try to cause trouble. Don't waste valuable time trying to deflect their attacks when you could be crafting amazing deals.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
YOU may be thinking of moving. Maybe your current place is too far away from your job. It's even possible you're depressed by your surroundings. Take things slowly. Make a list of what you would like in a community. The more clarity you have the easier it is to find the perfect home.
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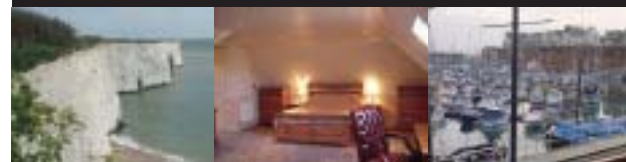
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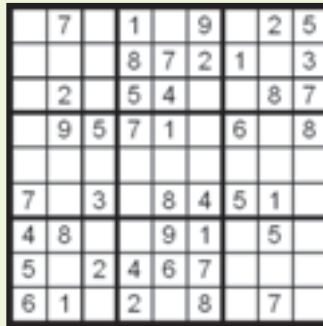
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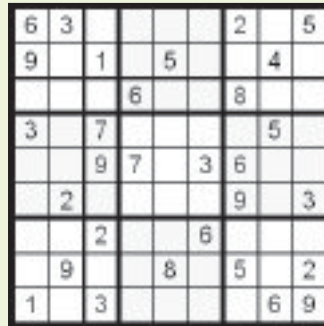
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ACROSS

- 1 Send up symbol on elevated advertising board (3-4)
5 Reprimand William on holiday (4,3)
9 United Kingdom sailor returning capital (4)
10 Delay - on this bridge? (10)
12 Type of radioactive waste bird found in a horizontal position (3-5)
13 The first Christian perhaps (6)
14 War of the century (7,5)
17 Light charmed object able to grant all one's desires (8,4)
21 I do icy manoeuvre that's stupidity (6)
23 Did some relief work (8)
24 Violent rat damaged respirator (10)
25 After half-time, the sound of snoring in state of nervous agitation (4)
26 Fashionable spot that's properly sited (2,5)
27 Dray he and I organised for pleasure journey at farm (7)

DOWN

- 2 Hooter of ox with lank disposition (6)
3 Suppressed initial question in revised schedule (9)
4 So vegan cooked using this? (3,4)
6 Evicted, sad being leaderless (7)
7 Yarn from Long Island (5)
8 Having extremities that are tired having a chilblain perhaps (8)
11 Less perfect development of personal pride (4-7)
15 Interpreter formerly to assume it to be true alternatively (9)
16 Heavy stick used to strike repeatedly (8)
18 Poem I see reportedly blissful (7)
19 A former prince first in Canada (7)
20 Caught topless Liz among the fruit (6)
22 Some concoct allocation based on the number eight (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Flaw (7)
5 Smoker's receptacle (7)
9 Engrave (4)
10 Of external origin (10)
12 Office worker's rank (8)
13 Accuse (6)
14 Area of authority (12)
17 Cheerful (5-7)
21 Oral (6)
23 Type of Indian cooking (8)
24 Showman (10)
25 Dimensions (4)
26 They are without a like (7)
27 Engaging in sport (7)

DOWN

- 2 Tiny (6)
3 Indian prince (9)
4 Slim (7)
6 Bantu (7)
7 Fashion (5)
8 Capital of Paraguay (8)
11 Cap (3-1-7)
15 Monotonously (9)
16 Tennis official (8)
18 Roman Catholic bishopric of Rome (4,3)
19 Food wrapping sheets (7)
20 Iced (6)
22 Roasting framework (abbrev.) (3-1-1)

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22 Bar-b-q. 23 Limesman 18 Holy See 19 Tinfoil 20 Frozen 11 Lam-o-Shanter 15 Tediously 16 4 Slenner 6 Swahili 7 Trend 8 Assunton 27 Playing. DOWN: 2 Little 3 Maharah 24 Impresario 25 Size 26 Uniques Jurisdiction 17 Light-hearted 21 Verbal 23 Extraneous 12 Clerkdom 13 Indict 14 ACROSS: 1 Blenish 5 Ashtray 9 Etch 10

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We had a wild time on honeymoon

BY **CAROLINE GAMMELL**

IT was 5.45am and pitch-black when we were woken by a cheery morning call and the promise of two steaming mugs of tea and warm muffins lying outside our tent.

Sleepily pulling on thick woollen socks, hat, trousers, T-shirt and fleece, we stumbled from our temporary home perched on the edge of a dry river-bed and hauled ourselves on to an open-top Land Rover.

In less than a minute, we were wide awake, peering through the pre-dawn gloom to catch a glimpse of the wildlife that lures millions to South Africa each year.

It was day three of our honeymoon, and thoughts of our big day, drunken guests and dancing the conga had been shelved as we craned our necks to spot the elephants, giraffes, zebras, buffalo, wildebeest, lions and leopards we knew were out there somewhere.

Our holiday was planned to meet our particular interests by To Escape To, a tiny operator specialising in fixing honeymoons (including your wedding list) to an impressive list of destinations: South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Mozambique, Uganda, Botswana, Namibia, Seychelles and Mauritius.

That morning, we were searching for one of the rarest animals in the Timbavati Private Game Reserve, with its open borders leading into the two million hectares that make up the Kruger National Park.

An hour and a half later, we were frustratingly close. The jeep's engine fell silent as we strained our ears to listen for movement.

Suddenly the radio crackled, a call came from a nearby ranger. Clinging on tight, we flew over pot-holes and hollows, excitement rising in all of us – even the experienced tracker.



GOOD MORNING: Tanda Tula safari camp (above) and the Melrose Arch Hotel (above right) had their own kind of luxury

And there they were.

A full-grown female cheetah with her two tiny cubs, teaching them to feed on a deer carcass. She looked warily at us, putting herself between us and her offspring. They were startlingly beautiful.

The thrill of the morning was part of three truly fabulous days at Tanda Tula safari camp, staying in a luxurious tent a world away from conventional camping – complete with wrought-iron double bed and en-suite outdoor shower.

Our days were made up of early-morning and late-afternoon drives interspersed with traditional meals eaten in the open air and relaxing around the swimming pool.

One afternoon, as we dipped our feet in the water, we spent an hour watching an elephant taking advantage of the cooling mud pool just 50 metres away. He exemplified everything Tanda Tula stands for: It's luxurious but not over the

top; in fact, everything is pitched perfectly. Genuine warmth from the staff makes it a place where we want to go back – first-year anniversary?

But our stay in the bush would not have been so enjoyable if we had not had two days – post-wedding – to collapse and catch up on sleep.

The most perfect vantage point to do just that was Tanamera Lodge – five separate huts tucked away on the edge of a hillside, not too near anywhere in the Mpumalanga region.

The food was sumptuous and the menu – with its choice of three dishes – was delivered to our door each morning on a scroll tied with ribbon.

With the evenings cool, we sat beside a roaring fire eating springbok – a small African antelope – and drinking the finest that Stellenbosch had to offer. To complete the week, we spent one night in Johannesburg at the beautifully turned-out Melrose Arch Hotel.



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Travel details

- Caroline Gammell and her husband flew from Heathrow to Johannesburg on South African Airways (SAA) and on to Nelspruit, near Tanda Tula, on South African Airlink, part of SAA. There are two flights daily ex-Heathrow.
- Their package from £2,209, organised by travel company To Escape To, included two nights' half-board at Tanamera Lodge, three nights' all-inclusive at Tanda Tula Safari Camp (all meals, drinks, game drives and park fees) and one night B&B at Melrose Arch in Johannesburg, with shuttles.
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Flooded rental market sees tumble in values

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And activity in the rental market seems to be contributing to the slump in housing transactions, say the experts.

A total of 42 per cent more chartered surveyors in the South East reported a rise than a fall in rental demand, compared with just five per cent in the previous quarter.

RICS South East director Peter Miller said: "The marketplace has become more competitive as reluctant landlords continue to look to let properties they are unable to sell.

"With property sales at historic lows the rental market will continue to boom – provided unemployment levels do not increase significantly.

"The downward pressure on rents will increase in the coming months where supply matches demand, but with house prices still falling, yields will continue to increase for many investors."

David Parry, of Cluttons, said: "Increasing numbers of homes are available to rent. Tenants have a very wide choice and are able to negotiate substantial discounts.

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Sales increase seen as ray of light by agents

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This is an increase on the average of six in January.

The return of first-time buyers to the market held firm, dropping by just one per cent of the total sales for February.

The survey also found sales prices on average were 7.5 per cent lower than the asking price.

Association president Chris Brown said: "This sales increase is a real boost for a beleaguered market. It shows the demand identified by the NAEA is slowly but surely translating into sales.

"The housing market has had a devastating year, but prices are lower than they have been for a long time and there are bargains to be had.

"These little signs all add up to a glimmer of light at the end of what has been a long and difficult tunnel."



Free national auctions offer innovative lifeline for struggling sellers



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■ BY NICK AMES

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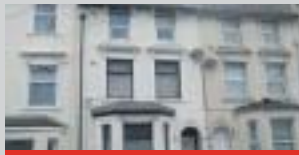
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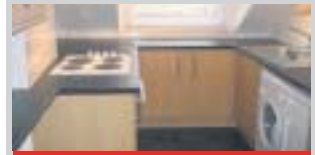
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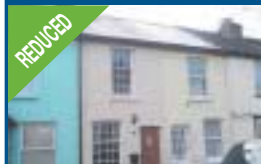


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Passer-by thinks funky Materia's bit of all white

SPRING is in the air, but Daihatsu dealer Roger Chapman of Express Garage, Herne Bay, can't wait for more snow.

He had been clearing snow from a Daihatsu Materia when passer-by Alan Harding became curious about what lay beneath. Once the funky mini-MPV was revealed, he promptly ordered his own and his wife Coralie followed suit.

"We weren't even looking for a new car, never mind two," said Mr Harding, pictured with his wife and Mr Chapman (centre). Prices start at £10,770.



Honda hybrid aims for the 'everyday' motorist

HONDA'S new Insight petrol-electric hybrid is not aimed at 'eco-evangelists', but ordinary car buyers.

Priced from £15,490, with long-term savings on depreciation and Benefit in Kind taxation, the Insight should average well over 60mpg and cost only £35/year to tax. It also substantially undercuts the rival Toyota Prius (from £18,870).

With no reliability problems reported on the previous Civic IMA hybrid, Honda says the operating life of the Insight's batteries will outlast the car itself.



Peugeot powers more CC sales with the 308

PEUGEOT invented folding hardtops in the 1930s and then made them mass market in 2001, by launching the 206CC.

From then until last year's recession the CC (coupé convertible) sector soared eight-fold to 250,000 across Europe and the French marque launches the 308CC (from £19,495) on June 1, though the fleet-footed can be in one earlier by ordering an exclusive £23,595 GT100 version.

The 308CC is a stylish four-seater, can be spec'd to luxurious levels and delivers a decent drive.



IT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE: Like most mini-MPVs the boot in the Suzuki Splash is small, but the carmaker has deleted the spare wheel to free space beneath the boot floor

Suzuki sends in the clones

GET used to even more cloning of small cars like the Suzuki Splash, especially now that we have a global slowdown.

True, demand for mini cars has increased, but unit profitability is small too so it makes sense to 're-invent the wheels' for several carmakers to use.

But how does Suzuki make the case for people to buy the Splash, when it is nearly identical to the Vauxhall Agila? The fag paper-thin argument comes down largely to Splash being a bright new name that buries memories of the quite awful Wagon-R model it replaced... the same quite awful car re-badged and also sold as the original Vauxhall Agila.

The Splash (from £8,350) has arguably the neater front grille too, while the smaller model line-up is better equipped as standard and concentrates on the 1.2-litre petrol engine – the best deal on offer across both ranges, including the 1.3-litre diesel option.

Morally, Suzuki also deserves the business as the Splash/Agila uses the its Swift hatch-back platform – pound-for-pound one of the

ROAD TEST SUZUKI SPLASH

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

best superminis around – and the clones are built by Suzuki in Hungary, although Vauxhall masterminded the car's huge interior and overall design. It has a small footprint and a tall stance without the leaning and fidgety ride usually associated with lofty creations on short wheelbases. In fact, the Splash is a decent drive – sure-footed and responsive – and one of a few that the average downsizing family could pick to cover all their needs.

Like most mini-MPVs the boot is small, so Suzuki has deleted the spare wheel to free space beneath the boot floor, but the dashboard is well-arranged with nice detail and the car is awash with stowage.

Three people across the back seat would not feel especially cramped either – fold down one rear seat and you have loads more space while retaining two seats – and headroom is exceptional. However, the seats feel thin on long journeys and overall cabin ambience could use more quality.

Our £9,350 1.2GLS+ test car looks to be the best buy; on top of generous standard kit including air con you also gain alloys, front fog lamps and rear privacy glass that give this stylish yet upright car a touch of class.



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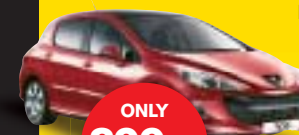
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MPV HATCHBACKS

CARMAKERS have been busy in recent years trying to cater for buyers who need MPV-style space with small hatchback manageability. Their efforts have met with mixed success, as shown by our three used car candidates. They each have large cabins relative to their size and many clever MPV tricks in seating and flexibility and there are bargains to be had, but such benefits can come at the expense of looks and style and driving enjoyment – buyers have to balance what their heart says against what their head is demanding...

NISSAN NOTE



THIS was a clever attempt to fill the gap left by two cars deleted from the Nissan line-up. It is not the prettiest car, but there can be few offering so much versatility within the compact dimensions of a large supermini. The boot has been cleverly arranged for different modes, the cabin is spacious and the Note is also available with frugal yet lively Renault-derived diesel power – though these command a premium – but the ride can be fidgety.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA JAZZ



HONDA has just replaced the original Jazz, so used values have eased from heights expected for this clever and reliable little car. Supermini manageability is married perfectly to a capacious cabin and rear seats that can lift to allow big loads or shopping to be packed quickly behind the front seats. There is no diesel, the CVT (continuously variable transmission) auto option is not everyone's favourite and the ride is firm, especially on earliest cars, but still a sound buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

RENAULT MODUS



THOUGH the Modus is related to the Note, it has not been so successful. The looks are chic and it is the more refined car to be in as the ride is more relaxed, but the original cabin is smaller, so versatility is less obvious. However, used prices have eased, especially as the later and stretched Grand Modus version has started to appear on the used market, so the original versions are becoming very affordable in petrol and diesel guise.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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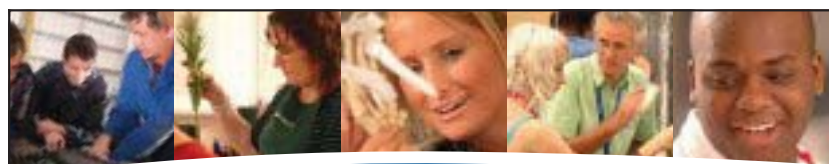
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Management coaching boosts Scipac profits

TRAINING does work. It's a major topic on business people's lips these days, but it's usually hard to quantify if it has been successful. However, one Kent company – Sittingbourne-based Scipac – has used business coaches for its top executive and management team and reports dramatic results.

It is projecting a 28 per cent growth in revenue and a 60 per cent increase in profit for the financial year ended March.

The firm has been trading for nearly 25 years. Founded by Dr Clive Dawes and the late Tony Raeside, it has developed products used in the health diagnostic sector, but growth meant it was in a transitional phase.

Managing director Stephane Argivier said: "Because of the changes in strategy we needed to get relevant experience into our management team as fast as possible. We saw coaching as a way of accelerating the implementation of our business plan."

It called in Maidstone-based WSQ Solutions and now the company reports: "Our staff feel more valued, motivated and clear about their targets and roles."

Green awards reminder as deadline approaches

TIME is running out for companies to enter the Environment Awards for Kent Business 2009 – the deadline is April 30.

Organiser Alex Green said: "Taking part is not a labour-intensive process, so we would advise companies to enter as soon as possible. There is a simple form to fill in which can be downloaded from www.kent.gov.uk/environmentawards.

"The top ten companies shortlisted will receive a visit from the judging panel and are then invited to the black-tie awards ceremony in September.

"If you know of an organisation you think deserves recognition for its work to protect the environment or within the community, why not nominate them?"

The awards also reward companies that have had a positive impact in the community.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "Is small really beautiful in business?" Search 'crunch'

New scheme revives village shops again

■ BY TONY PATEY

A SCHEME that helps villages open a community shop is proving a huge success in the county.

It is probably the first time in the UK that a dedicated scheme with all the help and advice on board has been rolled out.

And such is the interest, supporters believe it could lead to dozens of villages having a shop again.

The project has just been launched by Kent's 'Mr Rural Retailer' – Sean Carter.

The Community Shop Development Scheme, sponsored by Kent County Council and the South East England Development Agency (SeedA), is being run by Mr Carter and co-worker Victoria Lawson.

There are four such shops already open in the county, but with the new scheme now on the go the team hopes to more than double that number within a year.

It's linked with the Kent Association of Rural Retailers (Karr) – again, reckoned to be the only one of its kind in the UK – which is run by Mr Carter, a former blue-chip retail company executive, as part of his role as rural retail adviser to Action with Communities in Rural Kent.

Permission

Community shops have been operating in Littlebourne since 2000, Cliffsend since 2004, Biddenden since 2005 and Shoreham since 2007.

There have been two open days about the scheme, and there are plans to open shops in Barham in mid-May and Chart Sutton at the end of June, subject to planning permission.

Ms Lawson, who helps groups set up a legal entity to run the shops and raise money, said a number of villages had expressed strong interest.

The next open day is at Lenham on



ON THE BOUNDARY: The timeless allure of village life is being enhanced by the setting up of community shops

Wednesday, April 22.

A general pamphlet is being worked on, along with a ring-binder booklet with full details which can be updated as necessary.

Ms Lawson said communities had first of all got to establish, perhaps through a public meeting, if they really wanted a shop and then if they intended to fully support it.

Once the go-ahead is given, a steering group is set up and a legal entity created, usually an industrial and provident society, but it could be a company.

Villagers can buy one share each, giving them the right to vote on the shop's future. The going price is usually £20 but can vary.

Premises could be a former pub, for example, former shop or even a container cabin.

The shops are not-for-profit and any surplus, or money which comes out of them, if they fold, must be spent locally. Mr Carter said that out

of 180 community shops across the country – growing at the rate of 15 a year – he knew of only a couple that had closed. He said: "It's amazing. Once a community has lost its shop and actually gets involved in setting up a new one, they realise it's their own shop and they tend not to let it go down.

"The scheme has got off to a good start. It shows there is now an awareness at local government level that a lot of talking has been done in the past about retail services, and now at last we are seeing a bit of action.

"I still believe commercial shops should be getting a bit of the action as well.

"They are just as valuable to the community. The post office closures really started focusing minds about what was going on in rural Kent."

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SLIPPING: Hythe Town's grip at the top of the Kent League was loosened on Saturday

Town's grip on title begins to waver

FOOTBALL

HYTHE Town's lead in the Kent League has been cut to a single point following a disappointing defeat at home to Greenwich Borough.

Two first half goals from Mark Sisson and Rob McCarry condemned Paul Fisk's side to a 2-0 defeat at Reachfields. It was the first time Hythe failed to register at home since a 3-0 defeat to Egham in the FA Vase on October 4.

To make matters worse for Hythe, their nearest rivals Holmesdale registered a 4-0 win against Deal Town, to close the gap at the top to a point.

Town host struggling Beckenham Town this Saturday as they hope to edge closer to the Kent League title.

For a full report on yesterday's Kent League clash at Tunbridge Wells, log on to www.yoursheway.co.uk.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about new loan signing Josh Wright



ON FORM: Jimmy Dryden was amongst the goal scorers as Folkestone hit Crowborough for eight which extended Invicta's unbeaten record to three games in their season's best performance

Seasiders hit form and slam eight past 'boro

FOOTBALL

■ BY ANDY BUCKMORE

Crowborough Athletic 2

Millroy 35, Dunford 87

Folkestone Invicta 8

Arnold-Smith 4, 31, 70, Vincent 51, 90, Chappell 63, Dryden 65, Jackson 70

team's performance and believes the result was a new club record.

He said: "I was over the moon with the result. I mean Crowborough were not the best side we have come up against, but it was not as though their goalkeeper was chucking the ball into his own net. We were top notch on the attack. I think it is a record win for us, definitely in the Ryman Leagues. We are on a really good run at the moment and it is shame it has come towards the end of the season. We could have been fighting at the top of the table playing like we have been."

Folkestone starting XI



"I think the younger players have started to believe in themselves and it is really showing on the pitch with the results we have picked up."

Promotion-chasing Kingstonian are Folkestone's opponents this Saturday, which begins a run of three games against sides in the top ten. Despite the difficult run in, Cugley believes the pressure will be on their rivals.

He added: "We have got a tough run in but the way I see it is the pressure is on the other teams. They have got to come and play us and get a result as they are fighting for promotion."

FOLKESTONE Invicta produced arguably their best performance of the campaign as they put eight goals past lowly Crowborough to continue their fine end of season form.

Neil Cugley's side started the game well taking the lead with just four minutes on the clock through Jacob Arnold-Smith. The striker added a second goal on the half hour before Crowborough cut the deficit before the break.

The second half saw one of Folkestone Invicta's finest attacking displays as they scored six more goals. Josh Vincent slotted home the fourth six minutes after the restart before Frankie Chappell, Jimmy Dryden and Jimmy Jackson all found the net.

Invicta were not done with the score at 6-1 and scored two further goals, with Arnold-Smith completing his hat-trick and Vincent grabbing his second. The home side scored what proved to be a consolation goal three minutes from time.

Invicta boss Cugley was delighted with his

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Dover finally clinch the Ryman Premier title

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 6

Rogers 36, Collin 55, Welford 60, 83, Bodkin 77, Hill 88

Sutton United 0

WINNING the Ryman Premier League title ranks alongside his greatest achievements, according to Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler.

The former Gills manager guided the Whites to back-to-back promotions on Saturday as Dover thrashed Sutton United 6-0 in front of a bumper crowd of 1,400 at Crabble.

With nearest rivals Staines Town only managing a draw after a late equaliser from Hastings United, Dover were awarded the title and wild celebrations ensued.

The Dover boss was overwhelmed at the final whistle and felt the performance from his players was one of the best of the season.

He said: "It's up there. It means a lot. It's tremendous for everybody connected to the club. I've had some good times and some rough times – but not so many rough times. I got promoted at Gillingham and got the club to their highest ever position as manager, but this is right up there with those achievements. We knew this was going to come, it was just when.



CHAMPIONS: Dover Athletic celebrate winning the Ryman Premier League title after a stunning display at Crabble

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Bodkin 74 (Collin), Jones 80 (Pouton), Hughes 84 (Browning)

It was fitting to do it on our own patch and in style with a great performance. The scoreline doesn't flatter us – it could have been more.

"There was some tremendous football played. I thought we'd win, but I didn't think we'd win the title on Saturday."

Dover have dominated the league this season and since taking top spot in the autumn, they've never looked back. At the turn of the year the lead over their nearest rivals was 25 points. The Whites have experienced just three defeats and – together with Liverpool – are the only unbeaten sides at home this season.

Hessenthaler put the success down to hard work and togetherness.

He added: "I think it's because we are together on the pitch and off it. It is about a squad of players with ability and a work ethic to go out there, week in week out, and perform."

Even though his side have won the league with five games remaining, Hessenthaler is not ready to start thinking about Blue Square South and would like to finish the season unbeaten at home with 100 points.

FOOTBALL



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

RETIRING: Giuliano Grazioli will retain fond memories of his time at Dover Athletic

'Devastated' Grazioli retires to save sight

THE term 'legend' is often banded about in football, but this is how striker Giuliano Grazioli will be remembered in non-league circles after being forced to hang up his boots.

The 34-year-old Dover Athletic striker was told he could risk losing his sight and has retired on medical advice.

The former Barnet striker joined Andy Hessenthaler's Whites this season and believes the eye condition stems from a concussion received during a 2-1 victory at Wealdstone in November. Grazioli, who has made 237 appearances and scored 119 goals in 14 years, was devastated.

He said: "It was a hell of a shock. I am 34 and have had my career, but I thought I still had another two or three years left in me.

"Football is all I know and my main income, but I have made the right decision. I have two kids and I want to see them grow up."

Grazioli hit the headlines in January 1998, when his first half strike for Stevenage Borough earned a lucrative FA Cup fourth round replay against Newcastle United.

After spells at Swindon Town and Bristol Rovers he joined Barnet, where he became a cult hero. At Underhill he scored 62 goals in 131 games, including 29 in the 2004/05 season, which helped earn his side promotion to the Football League.

With five goals in 25 appearances for the Whites, Grazioli revealed he will look back on his time at Dover as one of the golden moments of his career. He has been impressed by the professionalism shown by the club and believes they will go from strength to strength.

He said: "Playing at Dover feels as good as when I was at Barnet. I am amazed how many supporters turn out. It is something Dover as a town should be proud of."

Grazioli is unsure as to where his future will lead, but will stay at the club until the end of the season in a coaching role.

He added: "Some clubs would have told me to leave straight away, so I'm grateful."

FOOTBALL

Ball savours moment but sets new target

DOVER Athletic defender Laurence Ball believes there is still work to do, even though his side have won promotion to Blue Square South.

The young Whites centre-back played all 90 minutes of Dover's 6-0 thrashing of Sutton United on Saturday, which secured the Ryman Premier League title and back-to-back promotions. Ball has been one of Dover's most impressive performers this season and has no desire to sit back for the remaining league games.

He said: "We set ourselves little targets each month. We got promoted and that was the overall target, but now we want to go unbeaten at home and get 100 points. I think these targets are partly down to why we have been so successful.

"We have some great players and management, but we also have great character and togetherness. When games are not going well we rally round and work as a unit."

Ball admitted he was thinking about the Staines game in the final minutes on Saturday.

He said: "You try to concentrate on the game, but with two minutes to go I just wanted to find out what the Staines score was. When we heard they had drawn it was unbelievable."



ON THE BALL: Defender Ball says there is more work to do this season

Sedgwick leads the Sharks' charge in clinical display

RUGBY

Dover 46 Beckenham 8

DISPLAYING their attacking prowess was the order of the day for Dover as they ran in seven tries in a convincing victory at Crabble.

The home side started strongly and opened the scoring with a try from Ben Sedgwick. Blair Charge added the extras.

Beckenham cut the deficit shortly after with a penalty, but the score led to Dover taking the game by the scruff of the neck.

The Sharks scored a second try just before the break through Martyn Beaumont.

Dover dominated the second half, running in five tries with Sedgwick scoring his second. Lee Tonks, Ricky Mackintosh, Ricky Stanley and Dave Sluman were the try scorers.

Beckenham got themselves on the score-sheet late on, but it proved to be a consolation try. The result means Dover stay fifth in



Picture: GORDON PRO

FINE FORM: Dover demolished Beckenham with a clinical attacking display

London 2 South.

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